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1/30/73

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On 1/16/73, Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] advised that during a surveillance of [redacted] residence at [redacted] on 8/17/72, a Negro male was observed departing the above address at 11:48 A.M. in an automobile bearing New York License [redacted]. This vehicle proceeded to Delaware Towers Apartment House, 1088 Delaware Avenue, where it parked in a circular drive in front of the building. Shortly thereafter, a late model Buick bearing New York License 8B6897 arrived with a Negro male driver and two Negro females as passengers. All of these individuals entered the apartment house and approximately five minutes later the driver of the Buick exited the building and departed the area.

Department of Motor Vehicle records reflect that license [redacted] was issued to [redacted] DOB [redacted] [redacted] Buffalo, New York, on a 1967 blue and gold Plymouth. License 8B6897 was issued to WILLIE R. EVANS, DOB 12/1/37, Apartment 8F, 1088 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York, on a 1971 brown Buick.

In view of the fact that [redacted] was surveilled departing [redacted] and later observed meeting with EVANS and two females at a time crucial to individuals engaged in policy activity, it would appear that EVANS and [redacted] may be part of the PURKS' group and therefore, it is requested that new 182 files be opened on these individuals.

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- ① - 182-New (EVANS)

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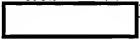
SAC (182-574) (P)

3/29/73

SA BRUCE H. NORWELL


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On 3/29/73, records of the Identification Division, Buffalo PD, were reviewed under the name  DOB  and WILLIE R. EVANS, DOB 12/1/37. These records were negative on both individuals.

On the same date, records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Buffalo were also reviewed and they were found to contain numerous references under both names, none of which appear to be identical with either of the above individuals at this time.

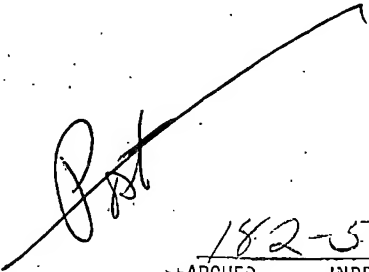

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Will develop additional information regarding each individual and maintain contact with Buffalo PD Gambling Squad.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, [REDACTED]

DATE: 5/31/73

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FROM : SA BRUCE H. NORWELL III

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On 5/30/73, captioned source was contacted by writer and asked if he had any knowledge with regard to the identity or activities of [REDACTED] WILLIE EVANS or NOIL CHEATHAM. Source stated that he was unfamiliar with the first two individuals however he believed that CHEATHAM resided somewhere on Humbolt Pkwy. Buffalo, N.Y. Source advised that he could offer no additional information in this regard.

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The above is submitted for the information of each above file.

1-182-527 (CHEATHAM)

1-182-574 [REDACTED]

①-182-584 (EVANS)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (182-584) (P)

DATE: 8/27/73

FROM : SA BRUCE H. NORWELL

SUBJECT: WILLIE R. EVANS
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On 8/23/73, [redacted] Delaware Tower Apartments, 1088 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York, was contacted by writer concerning captioned subject. [redacted] stated that EVANS has resided in apartment 8F since April, 1972, and she has found he and his family to be excellent tenants. She noted that he lives here with [redacted] and according to the information provided in his tenant file, he is employed as a teacher at South Park High School. [redacted] advised that subject previously resided at 216 Locust Street, Buffalo, New York.

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On this same date, a recheck with the Department of Motor Vehicles reflected that subject still has a 1971 Buick (brown) New York license 8B 6897 registered to him at 1088 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (182-584) (C)

FROM : SA BRUCE H. NORWELL III

SUBJECT: WILLIE R. EVANS
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DATE: 10/30/73

Remymemo, dated 8/27/73.

Preliminary inquiry was initiated into captioned matter based on information received from Detective [redacted] [redacted] Gambling Squad, BPD, who advised that subject may be involved in some type of policy activity. In this regard, appropriate credit and criminal checks were made and logical sources were contacted, however, no information was developed which would indicate that subject is engaged in such activity.

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On 9/27/73, records of the Gambling Squad, BPD, were re-checked, however, no information was contained therein re captioned subject.

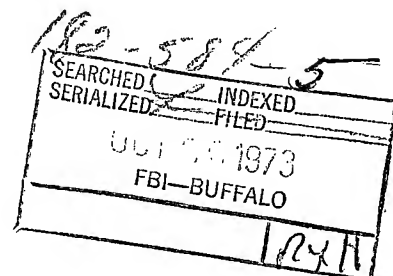
In view of the above, it would appear that all logical investigation has been completed and it is recommended that this matter be placed in a closed status.

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Sick Man, 68, Gets Contempt Sentence

By TERENCE P. McELROY

A 68-year-old Buffalo man limped despondently out of the courtroom on Friday, an obviously broken man who had just heard the court impose a prison term for a crime for which he has consistently maintained his innocence.

The man, John Terry, of 185 Eaton St., had been cited, for contempt for his temporary disappearance during a gambling trial in which the government considered his testimony vital to its case.

Terry, who stood practically motionless before Federal Judge John T. Curtin on Friday when the 60-day prison term and \$1,000 fine were announced, has been suffering from "acute mental lapses" and was not responsible for his nonappearance, defense lawyer Vincent Doyle unsuccessfully argued before the court.

"Your Honor, we've got an elderly man, a sick man, who was confused as to what he should do," Doyle said to Judge Curtin in asking that Terry be given a suspended sentence.

Doyle had recounted testimony from Terry's contempt trial last November in which a noted Buffalo heart specialist testified that Terry has been "confused and disoriented" and whose condition indicates a "considerable degree of brain disease."

He also implored Curtin to take into consideration Terry's dislocated right shoulder which may require surgery.

"Rather than a term of jail for a man who would probably spend it in a hospital anyway, impose a fine," Doyle asked the court.

But Curtin, after offering Terry an opportunity to speak in his own behalf to no avail, termed the man's action "a wilful attempt to frustrate the orderly conduct of the court."

The jurist noted that he intended to impose the maximum penalty—six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine—but was persuaded to reduce the jail term to 60 days because of Terry's failing health.

Terry was named a coconspirator, but not a defendant,

by the federal grand jury which indicted Alver Purks, 66, of 1820 East River Rd., Grand Island, and nine other defendants on gambling charges in November 1972.

Purks was accused of being the mastermind behind a multimillion-dollar numbers racket.

Terry had been subpoenaed to testify for the prosecution, but failed to appear on Aug. 1 and Aug. 2, a week before the defendants were acquitted.

He was arrested by FBI agents in his home on Aug. 13. His daughter, Mrs. Marion Singletarry, had testified at the contempt trial that her father was visiting relatives in Michigan and Indiana during the trial and suggested that he simply had forgotten to appear in court.

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